

BLUES SET TO STRIKE

WITH Isthmian League pace-setters Walton and Hersham falling to their second defeat at Sutton on Tuesday and facing a tough home encounter with Walthamstow Avenue tomorrow (Saturday) Wycombe Wanderers could do themselves a power of good by picking up two points from their trip to Ilford.

At the moment Wanderers are one point behind Walton who have a game in hand but Hendon are still very much out in front with 20 points from 11 games and they have yet to taste defeat.

It has not been a happy season for Ilford so far. They are just about holding their own in mid table but went down 3-0 to Bishop's Stortford on Tuesday.

There are no newcomers at the club this season and manager Terry Howard, who plays at inside forward, has had to rely on a mixture of youth and experience so far this term. One encouraging performance was a 1-1 home draw with Walthamstow, who thrashed them 5-0 at Green Pond Lane the week before. Last Saturday, however, they gave Bromley their first win of the season by a 2-1 margin.

Two points from a side of Ilford's calibre are vital and Wycombe will be hoping for a change of fortune upfront from last week, when for the first time this season they were presented with three one against one situations for scoring—and missed the lot!

But with good reports of Larry Pritchard after the England Amateur's 2-0 defeat by Manchester United at Old Trafford on Tuesday, Wanderers will be seeking a similar result to last Tuesday's 4-0 triumph over Hitchin.